

*State of Idaho*  
*Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance*

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday September 24, 2008**

Paul Kjellander reported that the Council met on August 18. They approved the name change from the 25x'25 to the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance. They also approved the structure, the mission/charter, and a request for a new Governor's executive order to indicate these changes, which will probably be finalized in October. The Council will meet again in December.

Paul reported to the Legislature that our Task Force reports and recommended energy options will eventually funnel up to the Legislature through the Governor and his Council. He noted that the Legislature recognizes that the Alliance provides a lot of credibility and that they look forward to the "flesh on the bone" that this group is putting on the Idaho Energy Plan. They are very supportive of this effort and look forward to our results and assistance. They believe that our effort will help them establish good energy policy for the state.

Paul noted that we don't expect the teams to create legislative language, just conceptual ideas. He also noted that the Task Forces have been extremely helpful in reviewing legislation and providing input and ideas.

It was suggested that two new Task Forces be added to the Alliance: one for Solar, one for Transmission. There was unanimous concurrence on adding the new teams.

The Economic Development Task Force provided an update on the data collection and analysis matrix they are developing. They are working with Boise State to develop a model for economic development options and benefits to the state, looking for a deliverable that ranks options and resources consistently.

The Communication Task Force Chairman discussed the need for Idahoans to understand energy issues more broadly. This team is developing a plan for communicating. One special focus is on education regarding energy and conservation, specifically at the student level. The team will also be developing FAQs and "leave behinds."

The Biogas Task Force also provided an update. Their Chairman noted that the team is working on a resource assessment, including presenting the value propositions regarding energy and carbon elements. They are working on developing the economic factors. The team is focused on identifying economic, technical and societal barriers. They are also examining end-use options for biogas and the evaluation for those options. The Chairman stated that the report lists pros and cons and costs - no "golden answer." One of their key recommendations relates to the creation of a Renewable Energy Enterprise Zone (REEZ) for the Magic Valley. They are looking at business model options – incentives, who owns the resources, who develops the resources, etc. They are examining the current incentives in Idaho and in the U.S. In addition, they are looking at education needs (CSI may help provide a trained workforce for

running anaerobic digesters, for example), grant opportunities, transmission infrastructure, carbon emission caps, a potential statewide Renewable Portfolio Standard, tax exemption modifications, and voluntary consumer programs. The team's recommendations will revolve around various scenarios, and they are working on the summary recommendation which will bring all of the options together.

The Energy Efficiency Team also presented, identifying some immediate opportunities:

1. Update the 1976 residential tax deduction law for efficiency and solar;
2. Present for legislation a commercial building tax credit;
3. Creation of support goals and objectives for K-12 legislation;
4. The International Energy Conservation Code should be updated every three years;
5. Identify educational opportunities for market transformation such as workforce training;
6. Review efficiency and conservation targets for the 6th NW Power Plan;
7. Citizen marketing and awareness;
8. State agency procurement, product use, recycling.

The Board requested an economic analysis for these options in order to fully understand the financial implications before making a decision. This will be provided.